Scott H. Richardson, CPCU

Scott H. Richardson was appointed as the Director of the South Carolina Department of Insurance by Governor Mark Sanford on February 15, 2007. Having served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1992 – 1996 and the South Carolina Senate from January, 2000 until his appointment, Director Richardson brings an unparalleled level of experience to the Department. During his tenure in the Legislature, he served as Chairman of the House Property and Casualty Subcommittee and served on the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee and Senate Finance and Banking and Insurance Committees. Director Richardson did extensive work on the South Carolina Reinsurance Facility, as well as the South Carolina Automobile Insurance and Captive Insurance laws. During his tenure in the Senate, he was heavily involved with many insurance issues and is recognized as an insurance expert in the government arena.

In addition to his public service, he has firsthand knowledge of the insurance business serving 21 years as an insurance agent for Carswell of Carolina Insurance Agency. Director Richardson became an owner/partner in 1985 and helped grow Carswell into one of the most successful agencies in the state. He remained with Carswell until 1999 when he sold his interest. He has also served as a Sales Executive for Sea Pine Real Estate Co. in Hilton Head, South Carolina. He is truly committed to his community, serving on various boards and commissions.

Director Richardson graduated with a B.A. in Psychology, with honors, from the University of Tennessee in 1974. He is married to the former Margaret Ravenel Carswell and they have two children, Scott Durden Richardson and Margaret Ravenel Richardson.